



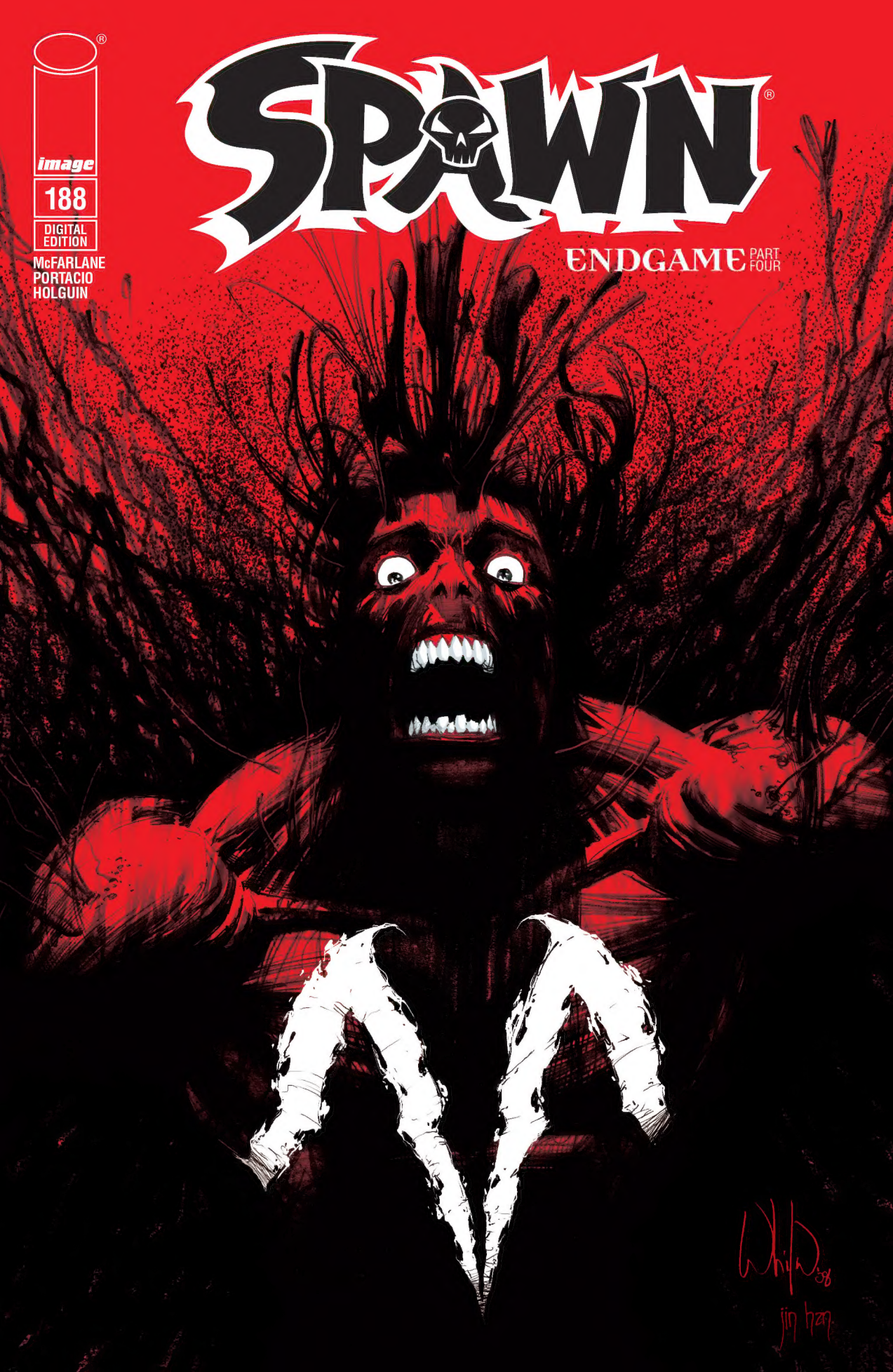
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Al Simmons was a hit man for the U.S. government until his C.O. Jason Wynn, betrayed him and a mysterious assassin ended Al's life. At the moment of his death, Al was offered a deal by the demon Malebolgia and returned to Earth as Spawn, a creature with supernatural powers born in Hell.

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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Al Simmons employs the one true way to kill a Hellspawn: blowing his own head off. The act alerts both Heaven and Hell that something is out of balance, and also creates an 'anomaly' where he lay – a patch of earth where neither Heaven nor Hell holds power.

The Clown stumbles upon the body, and ponders how he can use Simmons' death to his advantage. Similarly, an angel also discovers the body.

At the exact moment of Simmons' death, a young man wakes up in a hospital after years in a coma. Dubbed Patient 47, he is told his name is Jim Downing, but has no memory of his previous life. While disturbing visions haunt Jim, the attending doctors marvel at the supernatural pace of his recovery.

A young nurse, Sara, confesses that she has prayed over Jim nightly, hoping God would send her a sign by healing him. A trio of detectives wonders why a prominent attorney took his own life, and a mysterious intermediary makes arrangements for a super-powered thug to abduct Patient 47.

The "Extractor" bursts through the hospital wall, knocking Sarah unconscious. In the melee, the hospital is set on fire. As emergency services evacuate the building, the Extractor corners Jim. Under stress, a dark power dwelling inside of Jim manifests itself and vaporizes his attacker. Later, a dazed Jim stumbles out of the building and collapses.

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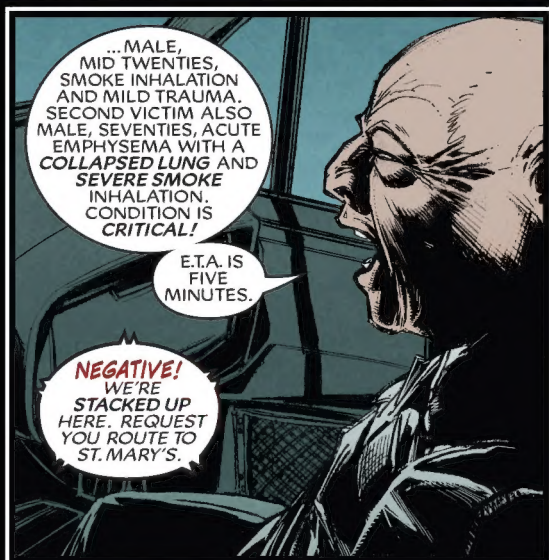
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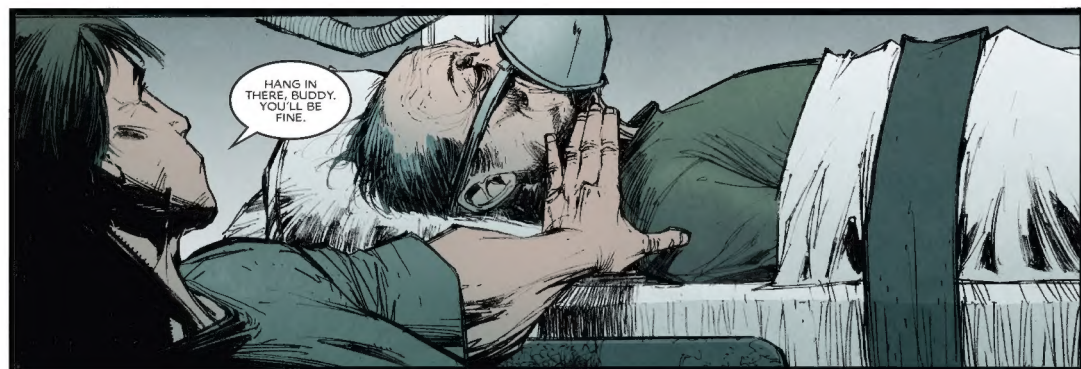
GOT TWO MORE FOR YOU. THE OLDER ONE NEEDS **IMMEDIATE** ATTENTION.

TAKE THEM TO ST. MARY'S. WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY MORE ADMITTANCE.

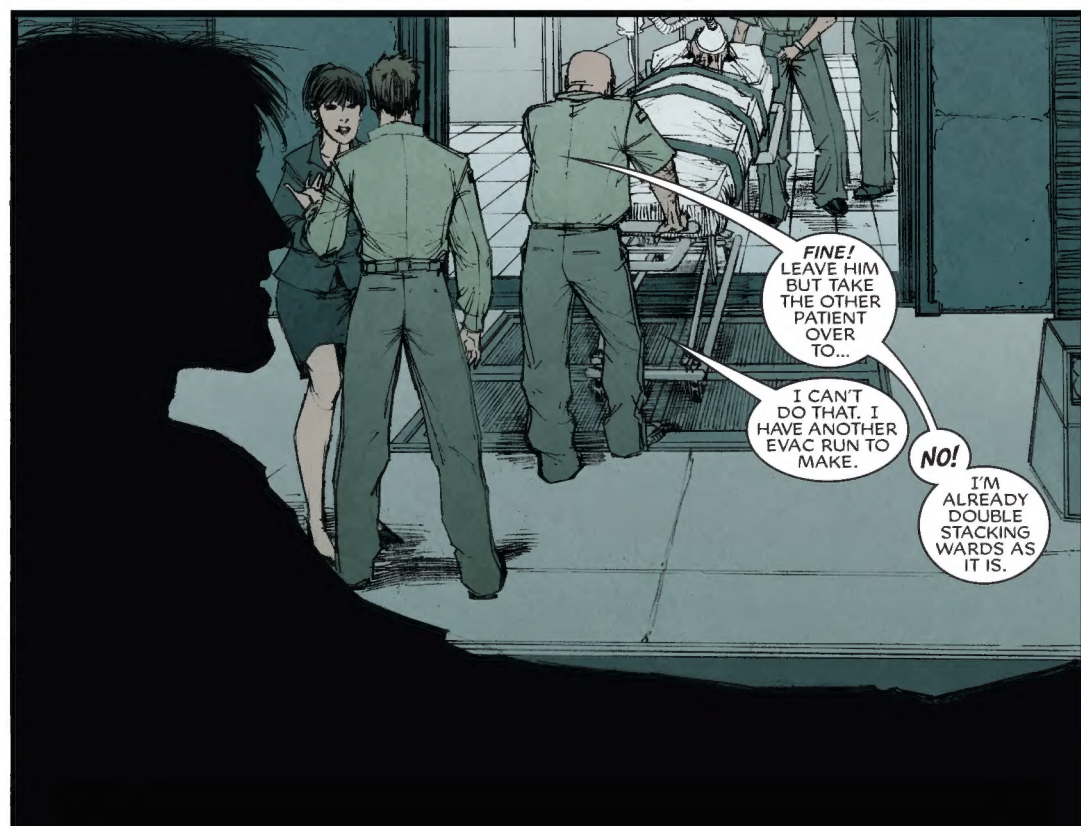
WE DON'T HAVE THE ROOM.

THEN **MAKE** THE ROOM!

I'VE GOT A PATIENT THAT ISN'T GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH ANOTHER TRANSPORT. HE NEEDS HELP **NOW!** HIS HEARTBEAT'S **ALREADY** DOWN TO 37.



HANG IN THERE, BUDDY. YOU'LL BE FINE.



FINE! LEAVE HIM BUT TAKE THE OTHER PATIENT OVER TO...

I CAN'T DO THAT. I HAVE ANOTHER EVAC RUN TO MAKE.

NO!

I'M **ALREADY** DOUBLE STACKING WARDS AS IT IS.

THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM!

WHAT I'VE GOT, IS A BURNING BUILDING AND **FIVE DOZEN** DISPLACED PATIENTS WAITING FOR MY UNIT TO RETURN AND PICK THEM UP.

MY ORDERS ARE TO UNLOAD HERE.



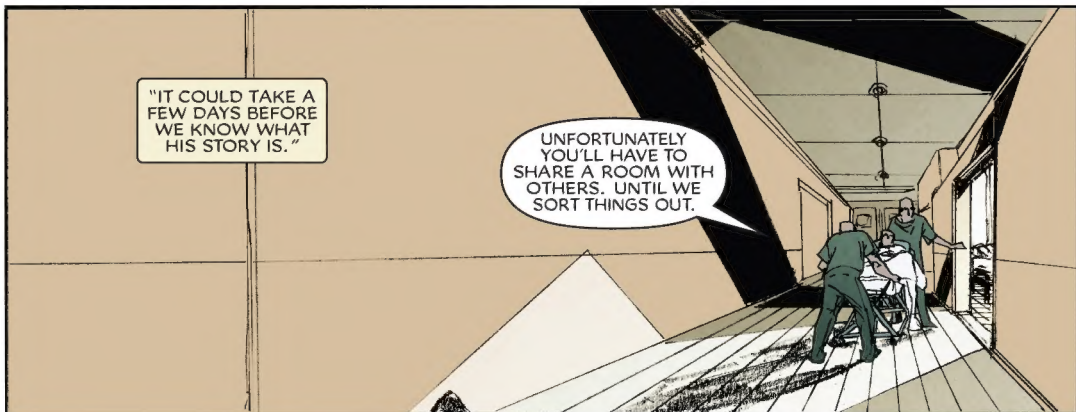
ALRIGHT!

WHAT KIND OF PAPERWORK DO YOU HAVE ON THEM?

MINIMAL. THE OLD GUY'S CHARTS MADE IT OUT OF THE FIRE. NOT SURE ABOUT THE OTHER PATIENT. NO ONE KNEW MUCH ABOUT HIM.



HE WAS THE LAST ONE OUT OF THE BUILDING.



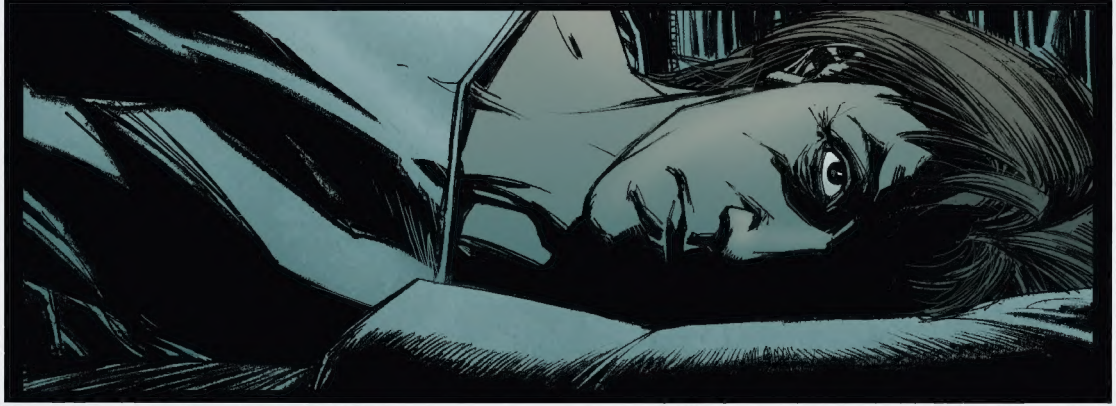
"IT COULD TAKE A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE KNOW WHAT HIS STORY IS."

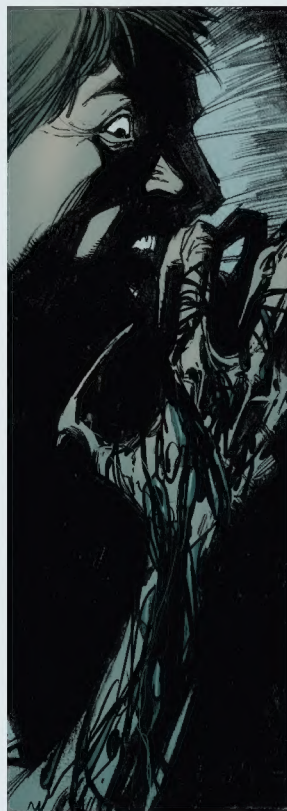
UNFORTUNATELY YOU'LL HAVE TO SHARE A ROOM WITH OTHERS. UNTIL WE SORT THINGS OUT.



A DOCTOR WILL BE WITH YOU SHORTLY. IN THE MEANTIME I'LL GET YOU A SEDATIVE TO HELP YOU SLEEP BETTER.

2:17 a.m.









MORNING, PEOPLE. WHAT'VE WE GOT ON THE BIG FIRE LAST NIGHT?

CITY HALL IS STILL MUM ON THE CAUSE. SAY THEY'RE NOT RULING OUT ANY POSSIBILITIES YET.

SEND LINDA OVER TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE-- I NEED A QUOTE ON **SOMETHING! ANYTHING!** TELL HER TO ASK JABLONSKI IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE THAT I WANT A HEADS UP IF THEY'RE GOING TO CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE.

AND HAVE WILSON GET ME A LIST OF THE PATIENTS IN THE BUILDING, WE NEED TO SEE IF ANY OF THEM WERE CELEBRITIES--**AT LEAST** WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE GOSSIP PAGE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MARC? GOT ANYTHING **INTERESTING** WE MISSED?

I'M PLANNING SOME FOLLOW UP INTERVIEWS WITH THE MEDICAL STAFF AND POSSIBLY A FEW OF THE PATIENTS. FOR NOW, THERE'S LOTS OF NICE PHOTOS. THE STRINGER DID A GREAT JOB.

GOOD.

JESS, YOU HANDLE **ALL THE BIG PICTURE STUFF**. WHERE, WHEN, HOW... WAS THE PLACE UP TO FIRE CODE, **ALL THAT STUFF**--ERIC, GET ME AN UPDATE ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ANGLE. ANYTHING ELSE?

I'M ALSO LOOKING INTO THE HOSPITAL'S HISTORY. THEY SPECIALIZE IN LONG TERM CARE OF PATIENTS WITH **CHRONIC AND RARE** CONDITIONS. IT'S NOT REALLY CLEAR WHERE THEY GET THEIR FUNDING. LOOKS LIKE THE ONE HOSPITAL IN THE STATE TAKING NO FEDERAL DOLLARS.



WHICH IS
ODD, BECAUSE
THEY HAVE A LOT
OF VETERANS
THERE FOR SOME
REASON.

tek-a-tek-tek-tekka-tek-tek-tekka-tek-



HE'S RIGHT,
WE TRIED DOING
A PIECE ON THEM A
COUPLE OF YEARS
AGO BUT NEVER GOT
ANYWHERE WITH IT. MY
NOTES SAY THEY
WEREN'T VERY
COOPERATIVE
BACK THEN.



AND
WHAT
ABOUT THE
PATIENTS?

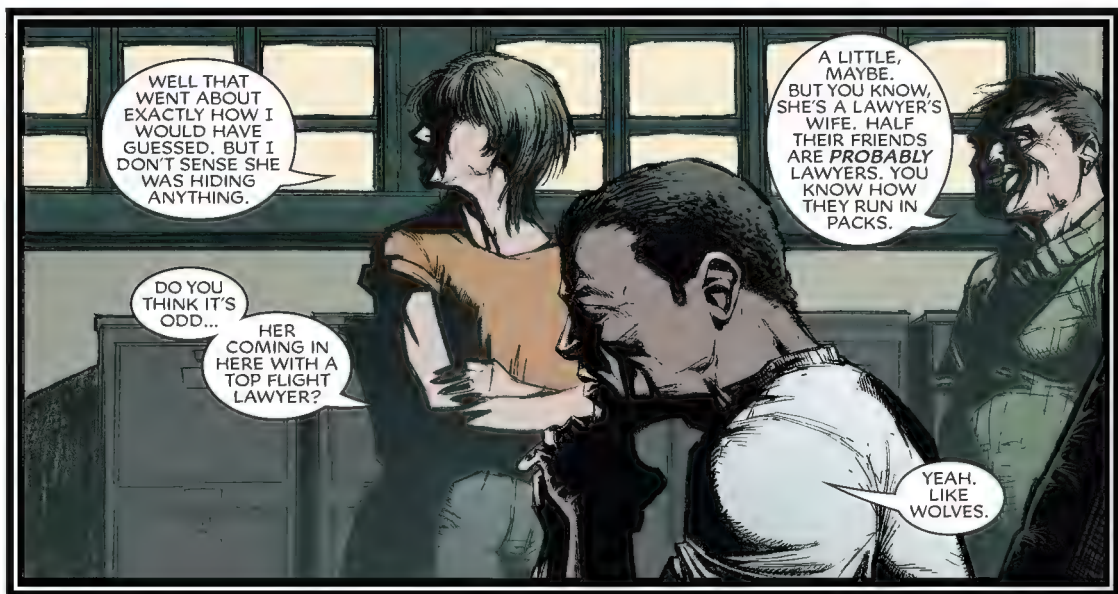
WHAT
ABOUT
THEM?

I DON'T KNOW.
I'M GUESSING HALF
THOSE PEOPLE HAVEN'T
STEPPED OUTSIDE THE PLACE
IN YEARS, MAYBE DECADES,
AND NOW THEY'RE SCATTERED
AROUND THE CITY. WHAT'S
THE TOLL ON
THEM?



NOT BAD--
OKAY, LOOK INTO
THAT. IF IT TURNS UP
ANYTHING INTERESTING,
WE'LL PUT A STAFFER
ON IT, AND MAKE SURE
ALL YOUR NOTES
GET OVER TO
HERNANDEZ.

OKAY,
NEXT! THE
LOOMING
TRANSIT
STRIKE...





WE GOT A CALL FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE LAST NIGHT. THEY WANT US TO **WRAP** THIS UP AND PUT IT TO BED.

NO ONE THERE HAS AUTHORITY TO MAKE **THAT** CALL?

I KNOW. MY CONTACT SAID THE REQUEST CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR.

IT WAS THE GOVERNOR **HIMSELF**. NOT ANY OF HIS STAFF.

WHAT? THE STAFF THERE WOULDN'T...

LET ME GUESS, THE GOVERNOR WAS A CLIENT AT THE LAW FIRM OF OUR DECEASED.

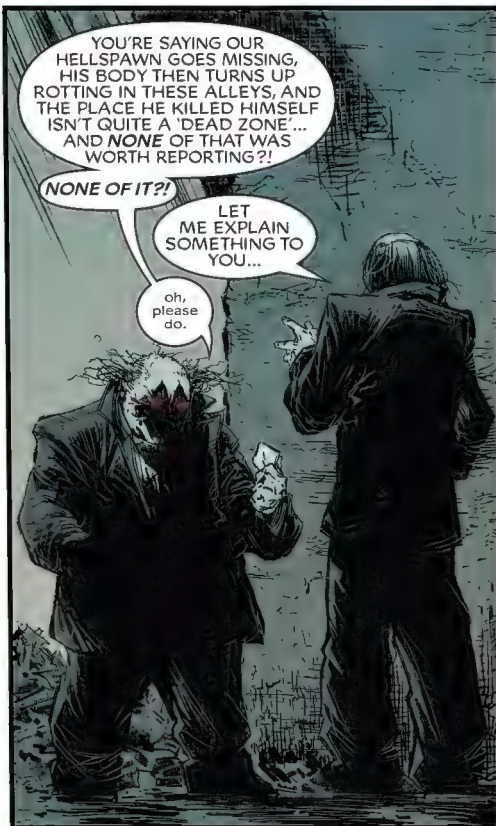


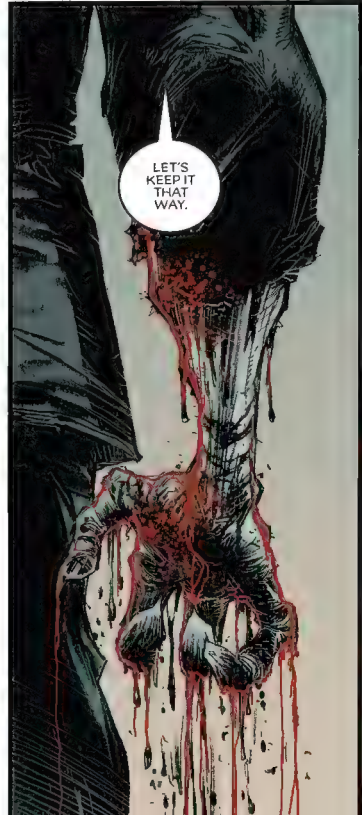
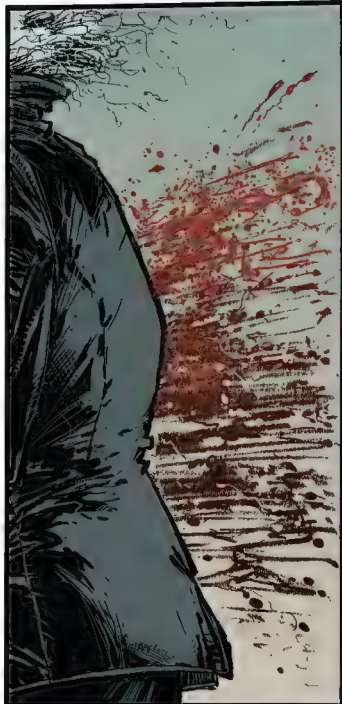
YEP.

MR. WINSTON RAISED A LOT OF MONEY FOR HIM IN THE LAST ELECTION.

SO, THEY'RE FRIENDS. PROBABLY JUST WANTS TO SPARE THE WIDOW WINSTON ANY MORE EMBARRASSMENT. THE SOONER THIS IS CLOSED, THE SOONER IT'S OUT OF THE HEADLINES FOR THEM. NOTHING SINISTER THERE.

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. STILL, WHEN WE CALLED HIS NEW YORK CONTACTS FROM WINSTON'S CELL, **EVERYONE** WAS ON VACATION. **UNREACHABLE**.







I'M SORRY, MR. DOWNING, BUT WE NEED TO TRANSFER YOU TO **ANOTHER** HOSPITAL.

TRANSFER? WHAT FOR?

OUR CENTER IS FOR THE MORE SERIOUS INJURIES. UNFORTUNATELY-- WE NEED THE BED YOU'RE OCCUPYING.

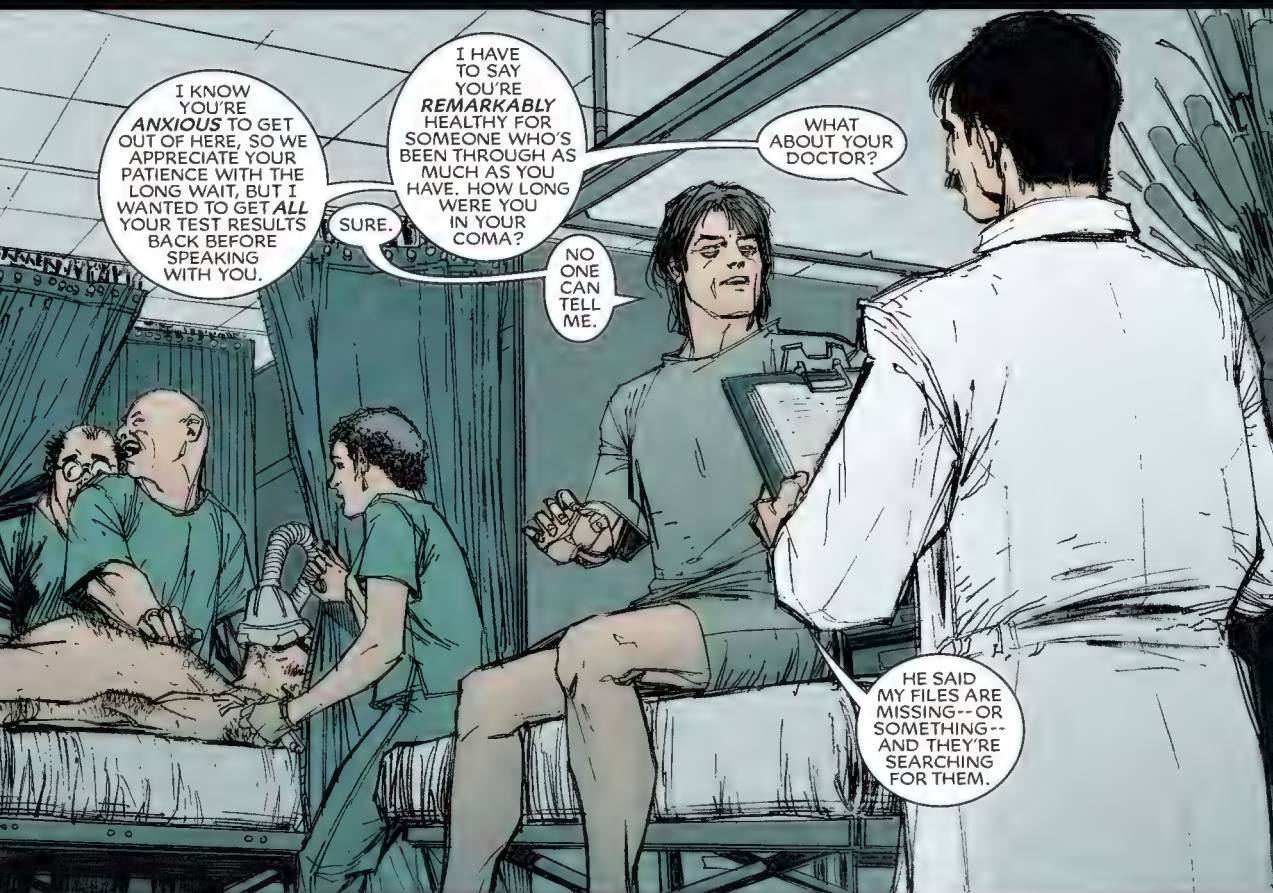


"WE'LL BE SENDING YOU ACROSS THE BRIDGE TO **TRINITY GENERAL.**"



"THEY'LL BE DOING ALL FOLLOW-UP ASSESSMENTS THERE."

Ten hours later.



I KNOW YOU'RE **ANXIOUS** TO GET OUT OF HERE, SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE WITH THE LONG WAIT, BUT I WANTED TO GET **ALL** YOUR TEST RESULTS BACK BEFORE SPEAKING WITH YOU.

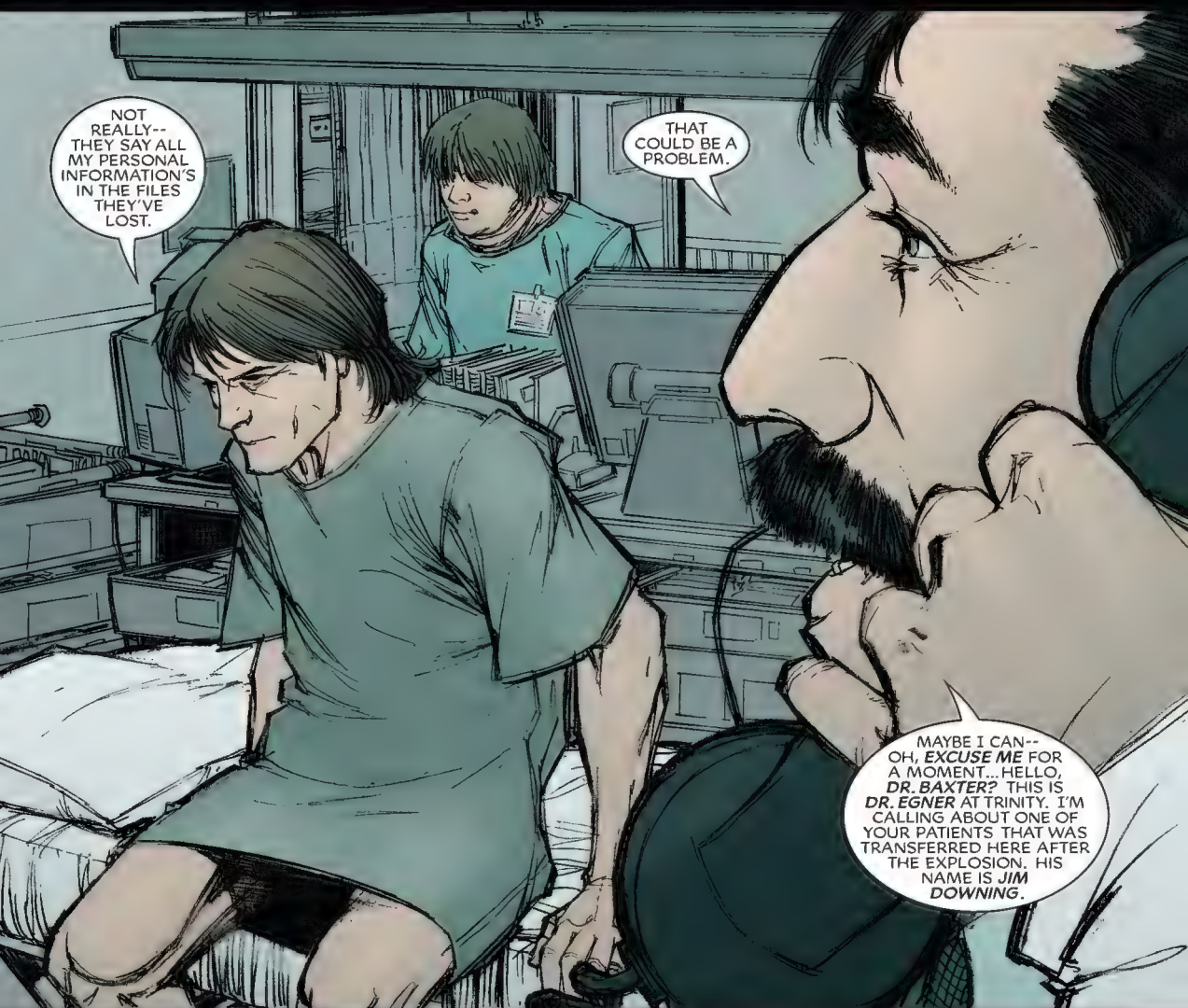
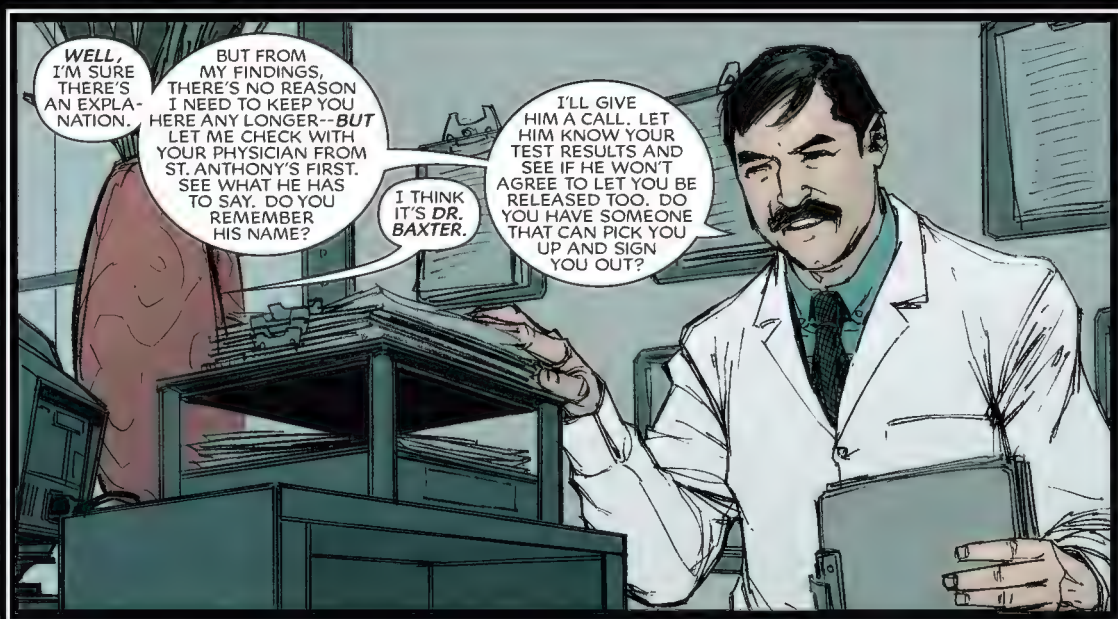
SURE.

I HAVE TO SAY YOU'RE **REMARKABLY** HEALTHY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THROUGH AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE. HOW LONG WERE YOU IN YOUR COMA?

NO ONE CAN TELL ME.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DOCTOR?

HE SAID MY FILES ARE MISSING-- OR SOMETHING-- AND THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR THEM.





YES,
I'M SURE,
HE'S WITH
ME RIGHT
NOW.

ANYWAY,
THE REASON
I'M CALLING IS
THAT ALL HIS
RESULTS HAVE COME
BACK NEGATIVE AND
I WAS GETTING READY
TO RELEASE HIM. I
WANTED TO KNOW IF
THERE WAS ANYONE
YOU KNEW OF
THAT WE COULD
CONTACT TO
COME PICK
HIM UP?

I **DON'T**
UNDER-
STAND.

LOOK--
I'M JUST
TRYING TO FREE
UP A BED FOR SOME-
ONE ELSE THAT
COULD **REALLY** USE
IT. YOUR PATIENT
IS IN NEAR
PERFECT...

I APPRECIATE
THAT, BUT YOU ALSO
KNOW WE AREN'T
ALLOWED TO KEEP A
PATIENT AGAINST HIS WILL
AFTER HE'S BEEN
CLEARED?

I'M SURE
THAT'S ALL TRUE,
BUT I'LL NEED HIS FILES
TO CONFIRM THAT. IF
YOU COULD SEND
THOSE OVER, THEN
I'LL...

SO WHEN
DO YOU **THINK** YOU
WILL FIND THEM? EVERY-
ONE ELSE FROM YOUR
FACILITY THAT CAME HERE
HAD THEIR PAPERWORK OR
WERE IN THE DATABASE.
MR. DOWNING HERE SEEMS
TO HAVE SOMEHOW SLIPPED
BETWEEN THE
CRACKS.



NO! I'M
NOT ACCUSING
YOU OF ANYTHING--
SO LET'S JUST CALM
DOWN. **ALL I NEED** IS
SOME DOCUMENTATION
I CAN VERIFY, THAT GIVES
ME **THE RIGHT** TO KEEP
HIM HERE ANOTHER
DAY. HE'S BEEN ASKING
FOR HIS DISCHARGE
ALL DAY, SO I NEED
SOMETHING OFFICIAL
FOR MY
RECORDS.

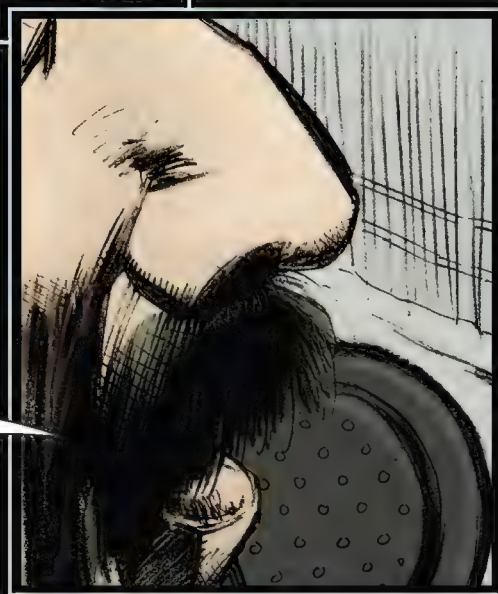
NO.
THERE'S
NOTHING.
ALL HIS
STATS ARE
GREAT. A
FEW ARE
AMAZING
EVEN.

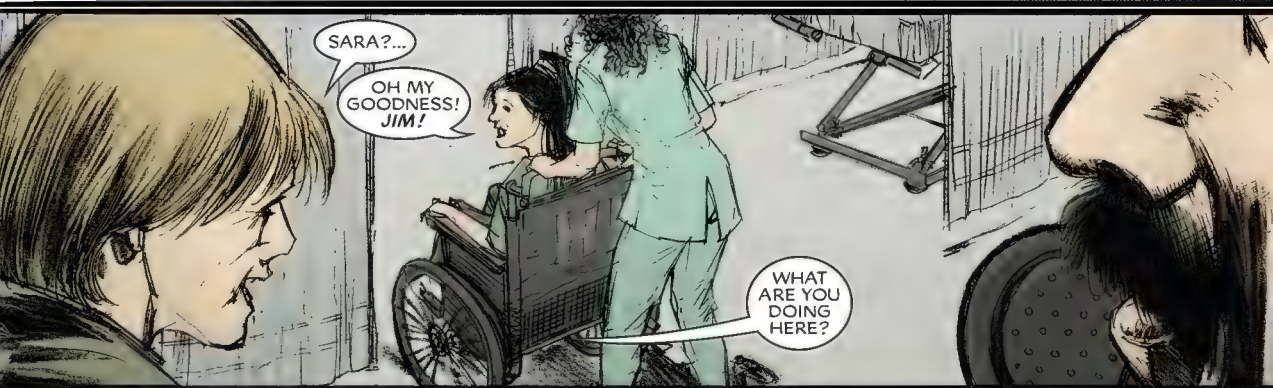
YES, HE
ALREADY TOLD ME
ABOUT HIS COMA, THOUGH
THAT'S **NOT REASON ENOUGH.**
NOT WITH THE RESULTS I HAVE
IN FRONT OF ME-- BUT YOU MAY
BE IN LUCK, HE DOESN'T SEEM
TO HAVE ANYONE ABLE TO SIGN
HIM OUT OF HERE. THAT
MIGHT BE **MY ONLY** CAUSE
FOR KEEPING HIM
LONGER.

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?

IS THAT
A
THREAT?

FINE!
YOU DO
WHAT YOU
HAVE TO
DO.







THANKS AGAIN FOR DOING ALL THIS.

MY PLEASURE.

AND I'LL FIND A WAY TO **PAY YOU BACK** FOR THE CLOTHES.

IT'S OKAY-- **REALLY**. I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING YOU COME INTO SUCH A MESS.



YOUR PLACE LOOKS GREAT.

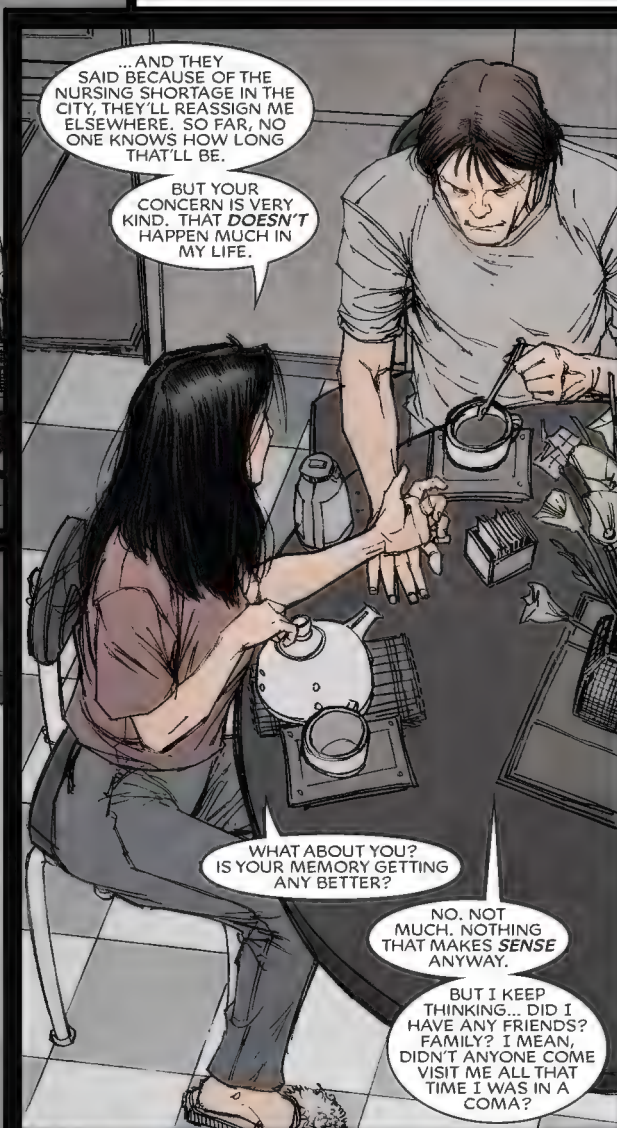
...AND THEY SAID... BECAUSE OF THE NURSING SHORTAGE IN THE CITY, THEY'LL REASSIGN ME ELSEWHERE. SO FAR, NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG THAT'LL BE.

BUT YOUR CONCERN IS VERY KIND. THAT **DOESN'T** HAPPEN MUCH IN MY LIFE.

JUST MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME. I'M GOING TO FRESHEN UP A BIT. THEN I'LL MAKE US SOMETHING TO EAT.

YOU HUNGRY?

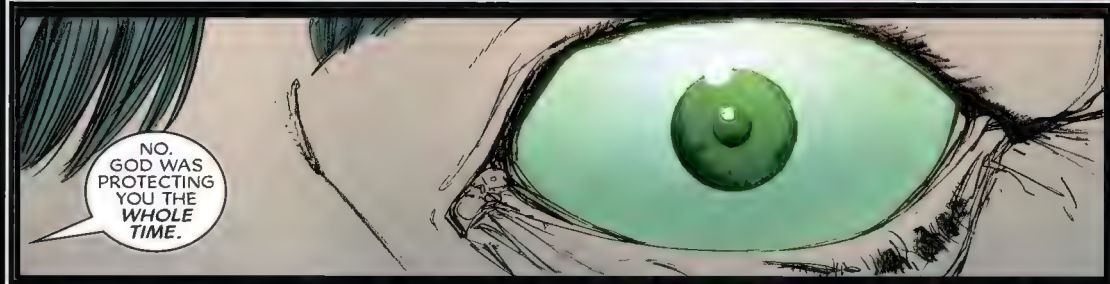
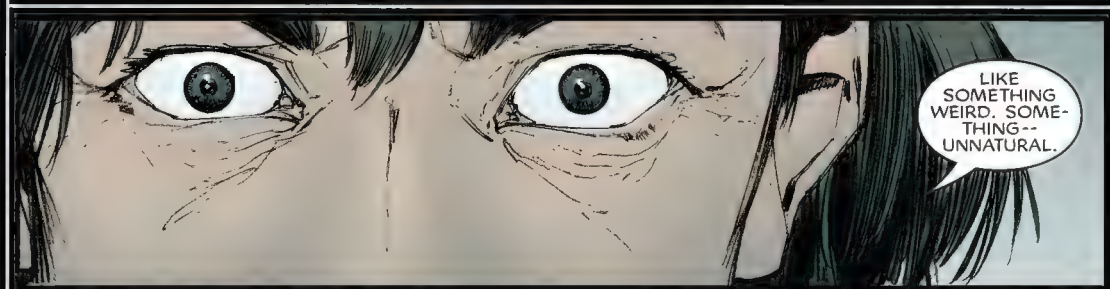
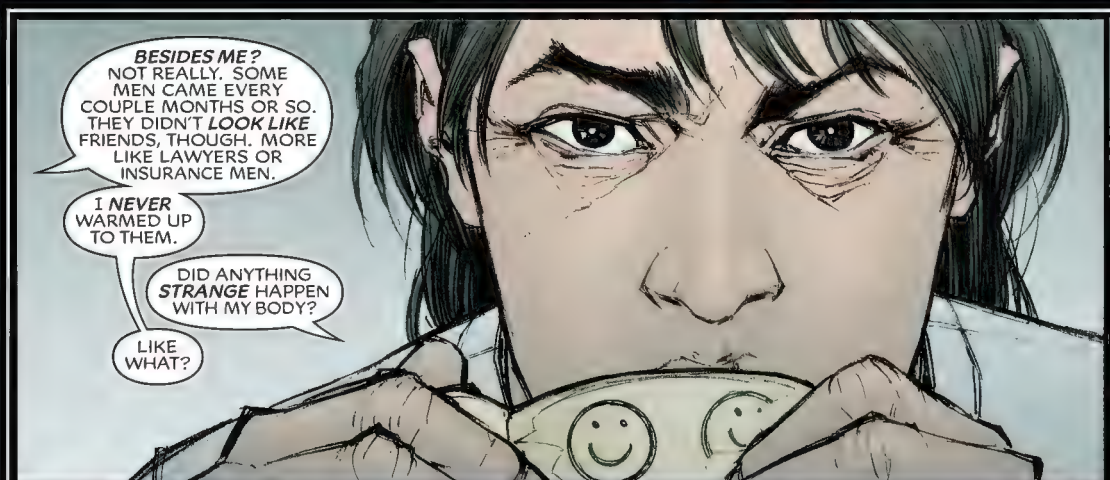
STARVING.



WHAT ABOUT YOU? IS YOUR MEMORY GETTING ANY BETTER?

NO. NOT MUCH. NOTHING THAT MAKES **SENSE** ANYWAY.

BUT I KEEP THINKING... DID I HAVE ANY FRIENDS? FAMILY? I MEAN, DIDN'T ANYONE COME VISIT ME ALL THAT TIME I WAS IN A COMA?



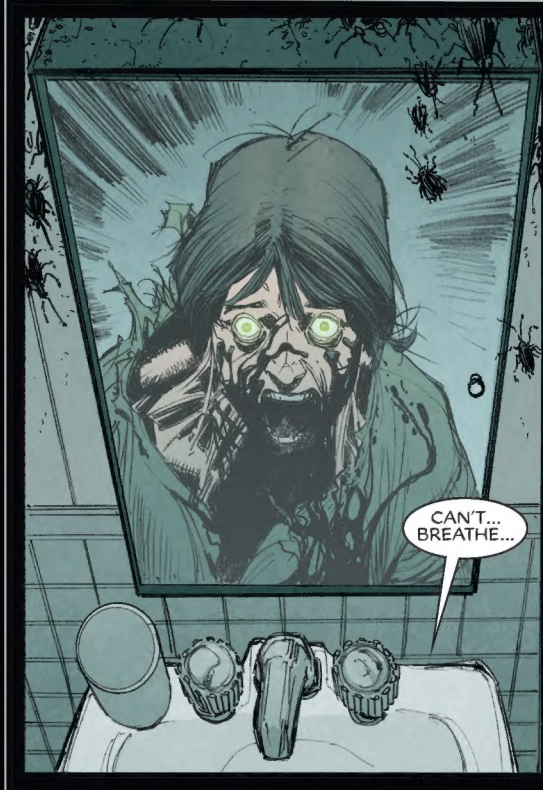


"I-- I JUST
KEEP GETTING
SCATTERED
IMAGES."

"FRAGMENTS
THAT JUST
CONFUSE ME."

"DON'T WORRY,
IT'LL GET BETTER.
BUT I DO THINK YOU
NEED TO GET SOME
SLEEP RIGHT NOW.
THAT'LL HELP."





SARA!





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE